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Hi Everyone

Just recieved Ann's most welcome letter. Though I would Answer while I have a little spare time. Well this Army life is getting better & better & time goes by. We are now on our 11 week of basic. Only 4 more to go & where we will go we don't actually know. But do hope it is up North some where. Boy is sure was hot down here yesterday, it was about 115° & that is no kidding.

So you ran into Dick Duncan, he is a very good friend of mine. He is in the Navy & guess he likes it very well but it can't compaire with this Army life. It's tops.

Yes, I Am putting on the old pounds now weigh about 130 & going up. Most of the fellows down here are losing weight instead of putting it on. Hope I keep on putting it on because I sure can use it.

I listened to the All-Star game the

other night. It sure did feel good to hear a ball game. It was the first game I have heard since I joined up. It sure did make me feel good. I picked the team that lost. But never the less it was a real ball game.

I recieved a letter from Mickie Marquette the other day. I don't know him any too well, but he says he knows me. He said that Aunt Helen Annie had asked him to look me up. He called me on the phone but was unable to get in touch with me. I am going to him one of these nights & we are going to go swimming.

How is your garden coming along. Hear that my father's is coming along great guns. Sure do wish I could be back helping with those potatoes. But I guess Marion & May can do keep the gardens in tip top shape from all reports.

Big day tomorrow so will close

Love Dick

P.S. Regards to all the neighbors up in good old Hardyville